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In re Application of :
Willis :
Filed: March 12, 2001 : ON PETITION
Application No. 09/804,554 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: PU010053 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 2, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

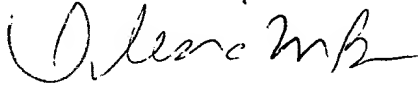
This application became abandoned November 1, 2003 for failure to timely file a proper response to the non-final Office action mailed July 31, 2003. The non-final Office action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period of time for response. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Notice of Abandonment was mailed March 11, 2004.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 31, 2003 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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